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BOUCHAL, Rob V.

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**I hereby declare that:**

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Sheet removal &amp; conveying system

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which



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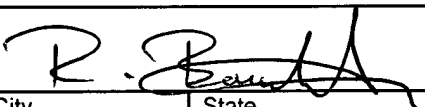
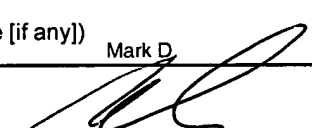
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<input type="checkbox"/> Additional inventors or a legal representative are being named on the _____ supplemental sheet(s) PTO/SB/02A or 02LR attached hereto.			

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS WE, Rob V. Bouchal and Mark D. McGaire (collectively, the "Assignors"), whose full postal addresses are respectively 11912 73A Avenue, Delta, British Columbia, V4C 1C9, Canada; and 16746 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Surrey, British Columbia, V3S 6V2, Canada, are the inventors of certain inventions or improvements described and claimed in the application for Canadian Patent Application Serial no. 2,416,366, filed December 16, 2002 and entitled:

### SHEET REMOVAL & CONVEYING SYSTEM

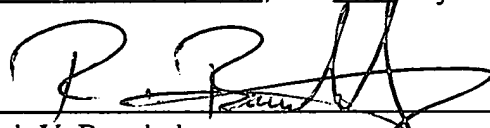
AND WHEREAS, Creo Inc., (the "Assignee") whose full post office address is 3700 Gilmore Way, Burnaby, B.C., V5G 4M1, Canada, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the said inventions or improvements, and in and to the said application, and in, to and under all Letters Patent which may be granted on or as a result thereof in all countries;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, WE, the Assignors, do hereby, both jointly and severally, sell, assign, transfer and set over to the Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to the said inventions or improvements and said application, and all continuations, divisions, renewals of or substitutes for said application, and in, to and under all Letters Patent which may be granted on or as a result thereof, and any reissue or reissues of said Letters Patent; and WE assign to and authorize the Assignee to file in our names applications for Letters Patent for said inventions or improvements in all countries, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, its successors, assigns, nominees or legal representatives, to the full end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent respectively may be granted, reissued or extended, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us, had this assignment, sale and transfer not been made.

AND WE hereby covenant that WE have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that WE have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith, and WE further covenant and agree that WE will, each time request is made and without undue delay, execute and deliver all such papers as may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said inventions or improvements, said application and said Letters Patent, in the Assignee, its successors, assigns, nominees or legal representatives, and WE agree to communicate to the Assignee, or its nominees, all known facts respecting said invention or improvements, said application and said Letters Patent, to testify in any legal proceedings, to sign all lawful papers, to execute all disclaimers and divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, to make all rightful oaths, and generally to do everything possible to aid the Assignee, its successors, assigns, nominees and legal representatives to obtain and enforce for its or their own benefit, proper patent protection for said inventions or improvements in all countries, all at the expense, however, of the Assignee or its successors, assigns, nominees or legal representatives;

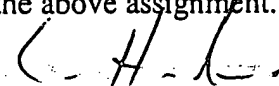
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AND WE hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of Canada and any official of any country or countries foreign to Canada whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue to the Assignee, as assignee of the entire right, title and interest, all Letters Patent for said inventors or improvements, which may be issued and granted on or as a result of the application aforesaid, in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

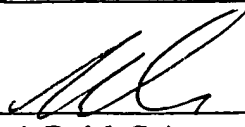
SIGNED at Surrey, B.C., this 28 day of  
AUGUST, 2003.  
  
Rob V. Bouchal

#### STATEMENT OF WITNESS

I, LEN HENDERSON declare that I was personally present and did see Rob V. Bouchal duly sign and execute the above assignment.

  
Witness

SIGNED at SURREY, B.C., this 28 day of  
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Mark D. McGaire

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

I, L. HENDERSON declare that I was personally  
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L. Henderson  
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STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE


The foregoing Assignment is hereby accepted by the Assignee:

Creo Inc.

By: 

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2,416,366

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